

What is Claimed is:

1. A sheet assembly for passing through a printer or copier and separating out into individual printed cards, comprising:
 - a sheet;
 - first and second substantial-cut lines extending substantially the thickness of said sheet and extending the length or width of said sheet; and
 - parallel and spaced weakened separation lines extending perpendicular to and between said substantial-cut lines on said sheet;
 - wherein said separation lines and said substantial-cut lines define a column or row of card blanks; and
 - wherein said sheet is adapted to be passed through a printer or copier and desired indicia printed on said card blanks, which can then be separated from one another along said separation lines and said substantial-cut lines.
 2. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said sheet is a sheet of paper.
 3. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said first and second substantial-cut lines are spaced parallel to one another.
 4. The assembly of claim 3 wherein said substantial-cut lines extend the length of said sheet, and said separation lines and said substantial-cut lines define a column of card blanks.
 5. The assembly of claim 4 wherein said separation lines comprise through-cut lines cut all of the way through said sheet and extending between and engaging at opposite ends thereof said first and second substantial-cut lines.
 6. The assembly of claim 5 wherein end portions of said column of business card blanks engaging ends of said sheet define waste strips.
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7. The assembly of claim 4 wherein said column of business card blanks defines a first column of business card blanks, and further comprising third and fourth substantial-cut lines in said sheet and additional separation lines extending therebetween and defining a second column of business card blanks, parallel to said first column.

8. The assembly of claim 7 further comprising a waste paper strip between said first and second columns and defined on opposite sides by said second and third substantial-cut lines.

9. The assembly of claim 4 wherein said sheet is 10 mil thick cardstock.

10. The assembly of claim 9 wherein said substantial-cut lines are cut approximately 9.3 to 9.5 mils through said cardstock.

11. The assembly of claim 4 wherein said business card blanks comprise 2 x 3-1/2 inch business card blanks, and said sheet is 8-1/2 x 11 inches.

12. A method of producing printed media, comprising the steps of:
providing a printable sheet divided into a plurality of sheet portions, the sheet portions each having at least one edge thereof being defined by an elongate substantial-cut line cut substantially but not all of the way through the sheet;
passing the sheet through a printer or copier and thereby printing desired indicia on each of the sheet portions; and
after said printing step, separating the sheet portions, including separating along the elongate substantial-cut line, from the remainder of the sheet and from each other to form a plurality of individual printed media.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the sheet portions are rectangular.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the printed media comprise printed business cards.

15. The method of claim 12 wherein the substantial-cut line extends more than approximately 90 percent the way through the sheet.

16. The method of claim 12 wherein the substantial-cut line defines a first substantial-cut line, and the sheet portions each have at least another edge thereof being defined by a second elongate substantial-cut line cut substantially but not all of the way through the sheet, and said separating step includes separating along the second substantial-cut line.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the substantial-cut line is cut between approximately 93 and 95 percent the way through the sheet.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein the substantial-cut line is cut between approximately 70 and 98 percent the way through the sheet.

19. The method of claim 16 wherein the substantial-cut line extends down from a top face of the sheet substantially through the sheet towards a bottom face thereof.

20. The method of claim 16 wherein the substantial-cut line is along an end of each of the sheet portions.

21. The method of claim 16 wherein the substantial-cut line is along both ends of each of the sheet portions.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein top and bottom edges of the sheet portions are defined by through-cut lines.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein each of the through-cut lines extends from one edge of the sheet portion to the other edge.

24. The method of claim 22 wherein the substantial-cut lines are formed in a trimming wheel, die cutting, laser scoring or chemical or acid etching process.

25. The method of claim 16 wherein the substantial-cut line is formed by trimming wheels, die cutting, laser or chemical or acid etching.

26. The method of claim 16 wherein the sheet portions are formed as two columns on the sheet with a waste strip between them, and the substantial-cut lines separate at least some of the sheet portions from the waste strip.

27. The method of claim 26 wherein the sheet portions are formed as at least one column on the sheet with side-margin waste strips, and the substantial-cut lines directly abut and separate at least some of the sheet portions from the waste strip.

28. The method of claim 16 wherein the sheet portions are formed as at least one column of sheet portions on the sheet with side-margin waste strips, and the substantial-cut lines directly abut and separate at least some of the sheet portions from the waste strips.

29. The method of claim 16 wherein the sheet comprise approximately 8-12 mil thick media sheets.

30. The method of claim 16 wherein the sheet is about 8-12 mils thick cardstock.

31. The method of claim 16 wherein the portions are formed in at least one column on the page, and adjacent sheet portions abut one another, sharing a common-dividing line.

32. The method of claim 31 wherein the common dividing line is a through-cut line extending the full length of the portion.

33. The method of claim 16 wherein the through-cut lines are formed in a die cut process.

34. The method of claim 16 wherein the substantial-cut lines extend the entire length of the sheet engaging both end edges thereof.

35. The method of claim 16 wherein the substantial-cut lines extend between 70 and 98 percent of the thickness of the sheet.

36. The method of claim 16 wherein each of the sheet portions is rectangular and has a width of approximately two inches and a length of approximately 3-1/2 inches.

37. The method of claim 16 wherein the substantial-cut lines extend the full length of the sheet portions.

38. The method of claim 16 wherein the printer or copier is a laser printer.

39. The method of claim 16 wherein the printer or copier is an ink jet printer.

40. The method of claim 16 wherein the substantial-cut lines engage a front surface of the sheet and extend towards a back surface thereof approximately ninety percent of the thickness of the sheet.

41. A method of forming a sheet of easily and cleanly separable printable media, comprising the steps of:

providing a printable sheet; and

defining on the sheet a plurality of sheet portions each shaped and dimensioned as separate media, said defining including cutting substantially but not entirely through the sheet to form an elongate substantial-cut line defining a part of a perimeter of the portion, such that after the sheet has been passed through a printer or copier and indicia thereby printed on the portions, the portions can each be easily and cleanly separated along the substantial-cut line and the rest of the perimeters to form individual printed media.

42. The method of claim 41 wherein said defining includes the sheet portions being aligned in at least one column on the sheet.

43. The method of claim 41 wherein the substantial-cut line extends an entire side of the portion.

44. The method of claim 43 wherein the entire side is an end of the portion.

45. The method of claim 41 wherein the sheet portions are aligned in a column with long sides thereof directly abutting each other, their ends in straight alignment, and the substantial-cut line extending a length of the column and defining the ends.

46. The method of claim 41 wherein said defining step includes forming at least one elongate through-cut line extending all the way through the sheet to form at least another substantial part of a perimeter of the portion.

47. The method of claim 46 wherein the at least another substantial part includes the entire opposite lengths of the portion.

48. The method of claim 46 wherein said substantial-cut line forming is by a trimming wheel, die cutting, laser scoring or chemical or acid etching process.

49. The method of claim 41 wherein the sheet is card stock and the media are individual printed business cards.

50. A sheet assembly for passing through a printer or copier and then separating out into at least one printed media, comprising:

a sheet;

at least one substantial-cut line extending substantially the thickness of said sheet; and

at least one weakened separation line on said sheet;

wherein said separation line and said substantial-cut line together define at least a substantial portion of a perimeter of at least one printable media; and

wherein said sheet is adapted to be passed through a printer or copier and desired indicia printed on said printable media, which can then be easily and cleanly separated from said sheet along said separation line and said substantial-cut line to form individual printed media.

51. The assembly of claim 50 wherein said individual printed media comprise a printed rectangular business card.

52. The assembly of claim 50 wherein said separation line comprises an elongate through-cut line cut all of the way through said sheet.

53. The assembly of claim 50 wherein said at least one substantial-cut line comprises two parallel substantial-cut lines and said at least one separation line comprises two parallel through-cut lines.

54. The assembly of claim 53 wherein said through-cut lines extend perpendicular to, between and engaging at opposite ends thereof said substantial-cut lines.

55. The assembly of claim 54 wherein said printable media comprise a rectangular business card blank.

56. The assembly of claim 50 wherein said substantial-cut line extends between 70 and 98 percent of the thickness of said sheet.

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